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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 27 November 2001 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
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 - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
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The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: _____

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8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 11/27/2001 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Claim 1 of applicant's invention, representative of the claimed subject matter, requires:

1) changing a current channel to a demanded major channel, in response to a demand to change a major channel, 2) displaying on a TV screen, 3) minor channels numbers of programs received, 4) through a currently selected major channel. Without question, Ozkan (col. 6, lines 17-30) teaches that the user selects programs by entering the first identification number and the second identification number. Ozkan teaches that the first identification number is the major [channel] number, which reads on the meets feature #1. It is furthermore disclosed that the first identification number indicates a broadcast source of a program source and may be an independent RF channel on which the program is broadcast.

As for the features 2-4 of displaying on a screen, minor channel numbers, clearly Ozkan teaches that descriptive lists of programs receivable on the sub-channels listed in the CIT is transmitted to a user's set top decoder, col. 7, lines 65-67 thru col. 8, line 1. Therefore Ozkan is suggesting that a list of sub-channel programs (i.e. minor channel numbers) may be displayed for a user. However, Ozkan does not actually show such an arrangement in the drawings.

Nevertheless, Otsuki is directed to displaying interactive program guide menus for subscribers, which display a hierarchal list of channels, for selection by a subscriber. In Otsuki, the hierarchy is based on the category or theme, (Fig. 7). With respect to a particular theme or category, all of the programs that coincide with the particular heading are displayed for the subscriber, (Fig. 8; Fig. 9). This reference is particularly compatible with Ozkan, since Ozkan teaches that one embodiment of major and sub-channels, is directed to categories or themes as a major channel and associated programs being sub-channels. This subject matter is the essence of the graphical user interface shown in Otsuki, (Fig. 9; Fig. 13).

Thus one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, would have been motivated to display an interactive hierarchal menu of programs for a viewer, as taught by Otsuki, for the very well known benefit of enabling the subscriber *to view* the list of sub-channels from which a selection is to be made and providing users with an efficient manner of selecting programs related or linked to a particular group heading of programs.

On page 2 of applicant's response, it is argued that the disclosure at col. 3, lines 30-32 of Ozkan teaches away from the claimed invention, examiner respectfully disagrees. The cited passage is directed to a particular point in time the viewer is interacting with the system. It is disclosed that a user selects either a TV channel or an on-screen menu, such as a program guide. Thus at that particular time the user may either directly choose a channel to be tuned, or enter the program guide mode. While in the program guide mode, the user in Ozkan is enabled to

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interactively select programs, (col. 3, lines 63-65; col. 9, lines 44-50). Therefore the instant recited passage does not teach away from enabling user's to interactively select programming from a program guide.

Finally, applicant argues that Ozkan only specifically discusses one channel number 305, within a particular bundle 300. Examiner asserts that Ozkan necessarily provides plurality of bundle numbers (major channels) and a plurality of channel number within each bundle; see col. 10, lines 62-65, which discusses a plurality of sub-channel lists.

The additional claims include subject matter corresponding with claim 1, and are likewise analyzed.

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